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HORST ENGINEERING EXPANDS IN MEXICO; INCREASES RECRUITING DRIVE IN CONNECTICUT

EAST HARTFORD, CT, Jan. 26, 2009 -- Horst Engineering and Manufacturing Co. today announced it will establish a new facility in Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, substantially expanding its capacity for the manufacturing of close tolerance precision machined aerospace and medical components.

At the same time, the company said it is increasing its recruiting drive in Connecticut, seeking to add experienced manufacturing employees to handle anticipated sales growth, particularly in the aerospace and medical products industries.

The company has contracted with The Offshore Group to lease 18,326 square feet of industrial space at the Roca Fuerte Industrial Park in Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, about five hours south of the border with the United States.

When fully staffed, Horst Engineering de Mexico will employ approximately 50 individuals at the new facility in Guaymas, home to one of Mexico's fastest growing clusters of aerospace products manufacturers. The factory will replace a smaller Horst Engineering facility at Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. About half of the employees from the Nogales operation will move to the Guaymas facility.

"The new factory helps us lay the groundwork for future expansion and will allow us to develop new relationships with customers – relationships we expect will benefit the operations in Connecticut as well as in Mexico," said Scott Livingston, Horst Engineering Chief Executive Officer. "The Guaymas facility is close to a number of existing and potential customers, both in Mexico and the U.S. Southwest. Also, it increases our international presence, an increasingly important consideration for a number of our customers."

"We expect that this expansion, with its concurrent additional manufacturing capabilities, will help attract new business for both the Guaymas and the East Hartford operations," he added.

Horst Engineering, founded in 1946, is a contract manufacturer of precision machined components and assemblies for high technology industries. Its core processes include Swiss screw machining, turning, milling, thread rolling, centerless grinding, and assembly.

The Offshore Group is the largest provider of outsourced manufacturing support, or "shelter," services in Mexico. It has been enabling companies to establish and maintain production facilities in Mexico since 1986.

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